

SEPA Environmental Event Report

Elms Event Number ENV/0898324 **Notification Number** 1
Event Description Odour complaints for 2 Sisters

Reported By

Surname	Origin	Public Complainant
Forename	Affected Medium	Air
Organisation Name	Investigating Team	Falkirk, Alloa, Stirling and Perth
Address 1	Investigating Officer	
Address 2		
Address 3		
Town		
Post Code		
Tel No		
Fax No		
Email Address		

Receiving Officer

Time Received	13:42:00	Time Responded	19:56:00
Date Received	22-APR-19	Date Responded	22-APR-19

Date Event Occurred 22-APR-19

Site Name 2 Sisters Poultry Limited, Coupar Angus **RSA Site?** No

Catchment

Mental H&S Assessment

Assessment Description

Impact	Category 4 - Other	Type	Odour
Cause	Unknown	Sector	Industry
Source	IPC / PPC part A	Sepa Activity	PPC
Potential Hazard		Farm Name	
Complainants Notified?		Yes	Details

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Action reported: "the usual sort of rotten kind of smell", "wasn't as bad as it sometimes is", "a rotten chicken smell that they're all very used to", "not spreaders, not the sewage works", "noticeable rather than intolerable",
Description Rated a 2.

The odour was reportedly first noticed at 01:30 am on 22/04/2019, but was not present at the time of reporting to SEPA.

subsequently reported on 22/04/2019 at 18:30: "The whole Easter weekend the chicken factory in Coupar Angus has been stinking! I can't open my windows, sit in my garden or hang out washing due to the smell.... I have complained numerous times and never get a response I'm sick of it. It is reeking of dead flesh. What's the point of having a lovely garden if I want to throw up every time I open my front door?". However, no contact details were left by for SEPA to get back to her with an update.

A SEPA Officer () attended site on 23/04/19 (when Officers were next in the office) and undertook an odour assessment around the site and key streets. No significant odours were detected. SEPA also contacted the Manager on site () to ask for the findings of their regular standard odour assessments over the last few days and to identify the potential source. No source was confirmed, however reported the Dutch barn fans were running throughout the hot weather to keep the birds cool prior to being processed. The mortality rate during hot weather is reported to be severe, but with an odour of feathers rather than effluent / liquor. As the temperature was cooler on 23/04/2019, the aim was to reduce the fan operation.

ZB sent email update to on 25/04/2018 (Copy saved in file folder) returned for a follow-up odour assessment on 25/04/2019. No offensive odours were detected.

29/04/2019 returned from A/L and carried out an ad-hoc odour assessment (FIDOL) with Between 14:15hrs and 15:04hrs at various locations around Coupar Angus i.e Kings Road / Princess croft / Union st etc (see file spreadsheet) No odour was detected. Arrived on site approx. 15:15hrs spoke with who again advised that they attributed any potential odour over the Easter weekend from the dutch barn and the fans which keep the birds cool. Points to address from the meeting: The site do carry out their own odour assessments on site however SEPA advised that this procedure should be revised as it is carried out by engineers who work in the DAF plant and so are not as receptive/ sensitive to odour (the majority of their assessments detected no odour) Advised that odour assessments should be carried out by 2sisters outside the site boundary also. The aim would be to detect odour issues early on and so take action to identify the source / reduce complaints. Additionally asked to provide further information on their maintenance regime for the carbon filters to ensure the abatement is working as should be.
NFA at present: The offensive odour was not substantiated at the time (standby officers attending other major incident at time- Mossmorran). On-going work with the site to address odour issues.